

Resource Protection & Preservation

Point Reyes National Seashore currently has 49.76 full time equivalents (FTEs) devoted to both cultural and natural resource management as well as science. A large component of the FTEs are the fire management staff (15.35 FTEs) who manage a prescribed fire and hazardous fuels reduction program. Approximately 26.91 FTEs are used for natural resources management and science and 7.5 FTEs for cultural resources management.

The Point Reyes National Seashore resources are extremely complex. This complexity results from a diversity of resources, varied external pressures and visitor uses, and the close proximity to an urban area.

The park contains over 900 species of flowering plants and 65 species of mammals including the largest mainland breeding colony of harbor seals in California. The park has 27 listed endangered or threatened species within its boundaries; this list includes the northern spotted owl, western snowy plover, Sonoma spineflower, and California red-legged frog. Recent research on elephant seals, tule elk, and inventorying and monitoring programs have received national attention.

The cultural resources include 297 historic structures, 500,000 museum objects, over 120 archeological sites, and 31 cultural landscapes. Also included are the Point Reyes Lifeboat Station, a National Historic Landmark; the nationally significant Point Reyes Lighthouse complex; and the statewide significant historic ranch complexes such as Pierce Ranch. Of the historic structures, 31% are in good condition.



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To achieve full protection and preservation of resources, the Business Plan estimates that 25.89 additional staff members and \$2,144,777 in additional annual funding are needed for implementation of a comprehensive resource program. The majority of the additional funding would be used to conduct cultural resource preservation programs, historic building cyclic maintenance, natural resources monitoring programs and special status species management.



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	<u>Funding</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Available in FY 2002	\$3,334,604	49.76
Shortfall	\$2,144,777	25.89

